

# **STARNET Podcast**

- **Only constant in technology is rapid change**
- **2008 – bright beginning for students – Ingham Intermediate School District service area**

- **Student's lives are complex and technologically vibrant**
- **Federal regulators – Universal Service Fund - \$300,000 for our wide area fiber**

- **STARNET stands for Sharing Technology and Academic Resources Network**
- **STARNET will link together all the K-12 districts and the ISD to provide unlimited opportunities for students, teachers and administrators**

- **Students and teachers directly – examples**
- **Some will impact them indirectly**

- **Common software – sharing technology – reducing costs for bandwidth**
- **Network will increase opportunities for all students to access the technological and academic skills necessary for success**

- **Thomas Friedman – future skills will be essential for student's lifelong success**
- **Now competing against their neighbors on the football field, etc. – Soon competing against students from China for best jobs**

- **Spin globe**
- **STARNET will also keep students engaged in their learning. We cannot continue to teach like we did in the past – grab...and keep...student's interest with exciting and challenging curriculum**

- **STARNET will give students access to classes currently unavailable – Spanish IV, Chinese, Advanced Calculus and Trigonometry**

- **The potential for STARNET will be limited only by our imagination and initiative – on-line superhighway “shining eyes”**
- **Walk into most traditional classes – but with technology – students to learn on their own – guidance of a teacher**

- **Work together in teams/analyze and solve problems.**
- **Collaborative activities – Phase I will include Waverly, Lansing, East Lansing, Haslett, Okemos, Mason, Holt and Ingham ISD.**

- **Phase II – Williamston, Webberville, Dansville, Leslie, Stockbridge – take place later half of 2008-09 school year**
- **13 districts coming together to support initiative – example - Collaboration**

- **Finest educational opportunities possible to ensure a world of unlimited possibilities, exciting challenges. STARNET will be a dynamic and creative force to help our students reach their full potential**